

Fort Sumter National Monument

Superintendent's Compendium



RECORD OF DECISION:

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Approval: Superintendent John Tucker

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COMPENDIUM OF DESIGNATIONS, CLOSURES,

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

IMPOSED UNDER SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY

On August 25, 1916, the United States Congress authorized the National Park Service to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them (parks, monuments and reservations) unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

16 USC Section 1

In accordance with these regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7, and by Title 16, United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection and public use of Fort Sumter National Monument (FOSU) and Charles Pinckney National Historic Site (CHPI).

Unless otherwise noted, these orders supplement the provisions in parts 1-7 Title 36 CFR.

Superintendent
FORT SUMTER NATIONAL MONUMENT
CHARLES PINCKNEY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

1.5--CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

- (a) (1) Fort Sumter National Monument (including Fort Moultrie) is hereby designated a day use area. The following areas are closed to all public entry except during the periods indicated for the protection of the public and the resources. All visitors and Service representatives are required to enter through signed gates:
- Fort Moultrie interior: Hours as posted
 - Fort Moultrie exterior and grounds (including tract#01-118): Closed sunset to sunrise
 - Fort Moultrie Visitor Center: Hours as posted
 - Fort Moultrie Dock: Hours as posted
 - Visitor Center Parking Area: Hours as posted
 - Battery Jasper: Closed year-round except for Gun Position #1: Hours as posted
 - Fort Sumter interior: Hours as posted
 - Fort Sumter exterior and dock: Closed sunset to sunrise year-round
 - Liberty Square Visitor Education Center: Hours posted
 - Sullivan's Island Lighthouse Area: All lands owned by the National Park Service are closed to public visitation at all times.
 - Unimproved service roads are open for contractual services, administrative and law enforcement purposes, and activities authorized by special use permit. Visitors must keep their vehicles on the improved park access roads. Roads restricted for maintenance and park vehicles are only so designated with "Private Vehicles Prohibited" signs. Private vehicles include golf carts, all terrain vehicles, mopeds, and similar devices.

The buildings, facilities and grounds administered by FOSU are closed to special events as defined in 36 CFR Sec. 2.50; public assemblies and meetings as defined in 36 CFR Sec. 2.51; and sale or distribution of printed matter as defined in 36 CFR Sec. 2.52 except under conditions of a permit issued by the Superintendent.

The National Park Service has established carrying capacity for selected park areas to prevent impairment of the resource or visitor experience or for safety concerns. These limits have been determined to be the maximum number of people that can be accommodated consistent with the protection of the historic resource, visitor safety, and without compromising the quality of the park experience. Additionally, limits have been established for certain structures and boats to ensure safe use by park employees, visitors, contractors, and other cooperators in accordance with Life Safety Codes, Design loads, or US Coast Guard Regulations.

- Fort Sumter exterior and interior: 385 persons at any one time – NPS Study
- Fort Sumter Museum: To be determined
- Liberty Square Visitor Education Building: To be determined
- Fort Moultrie Museum: To be determined
- House at Snee Farm: To be determined
- Park Boat: 24
- Liberty Square Dock: Wheel Loading H15 and Live loading 100 psf FOSU 105DB-01110-1
- Fort Moultrie Dock: To be determined
- Fort Sumter Dock: To be determined

Sporting activities including, but not limited to, kite flying, golfing, soccer, baseball, football, golf carts etc. are prohibited within the boundaries of Fort Moultrie and FOSU except residential use at the employee housing area.

Explanation: Recreational activities such as kite flying, baseball, football, frisbee throwing, and similar activities are not in keeping with the park's historic and scenic values and pose potential safety risks to other visitors. To permit these activities in the park is disrespectful to the memories of men who have fought and died at Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie.

1.6--**PERMITS**

(c) Permits will be required for the following:

- Sale or distribution of printed matter as defined in Sec. 2.52
- Overnight use of the Fort Moultrie and Fort Sumter dock (ref: Sec. 3.3)
- Commercial advertisements as defined in Sec. 5.1
- Motion pictures, video tape, and still photography as defined in Sec. 5.5
- Materials collections as defined in Sec. 2.1
- Collection of specimen as defined in Sec. 2.5
- Special events as defined in Sec. 2.50

- Public assemblies and meetings as defined in Sec. 2.51
- Memorialization as defined in Sec. 2.62

Each request to engage in a special park use or to renew authorization of an existing use will be reviewed and evaluated by the superintendent according to the terms of applicable legislation, regulations, guidelines and management planning documents. Special use permit must be in permittee's possession at all times and exhibited to any authorized person upon request.

To the extent authorized by applicable legislation, regulations and policies, the National Park Service will establish and collect appropriate permit fees for special park uses and will seek reimbursement from permittees for NPS costs incurred in administering the permit and monitoring the activities it authorizes.

2.1 Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archaeological Resources

- (a) (1)(I) Threaten or endangered plant species may not be collected. Sea oats may not be collected
- (a) (4) Wood may not be collected except driftwood along the beach face as authorized by the Town of Sullivan's Island and the State of South Carolina.
- (a) (5) Walking upon, climbing, ascending, descending, or traversing all earth mounds, fort walls, traverses, cannon and carriages is prohibited.

- 2.1 (c) (1) Gathering of fruits, nuts and berries is prohibited.
Collecting pecans in small amounts for personal consumption at the Charles Pinckney National Historic site is allowed.

2.2 Wildlife Protection

- (c) (e) Viewing of wildlife with artificial light is prohibited.

2.3 Fishing

Fishing, casting, trapping from Fort Sumter and Liberty Square docks is prohibited. Fishing from the Fort Moultrie dock is permitted in accordance with other provisions of this section unless such activities conflict with the operation of the park, cooperator, or concessioner owned boats.

The use of individual cast nets from Fort Moultrie dock is permitted. The use of non-commercial crab traps from Fort Moultrie dock is permitted as long as the placement of traps does not interfere with park operations. All traps must be removed from the dock by closing time.

2.4 Weapons, Traps, and Nets

- (d) Only Federal law enforcement officers and those cooperating state and local agencies are permitted to carry firearms within the jurisdiction properties of FOSU and CHPI. Exception: Approved and trained volunteers may carry unloaded black powder weapons in the performance of living history activities under the close supervision of a permanent park employee. Firing of reproduction historic weapons may be permitted when used in an interpretive program.

2.5 Research Specimens

Pursuant to the authority found in 36 CFR 2.5 the Superintendent may issue permits for the collection of plants, fish, wildlife, rocks, and minerals for research purposes.

2.10 Camping

- (a) Camping is prohibited in all park areas. The occasional use of park land for camping by volunteers who are supporting park programs is permitted at the superintendent's approval.

2.11 Picnicking

Visitors may picnic in the designated area located near the Moultrie dock.

Picnicking is also allowed in the grassy areas and under the Shade shelters at Liberty Square, informally.

2.12 Audio Distractions

- (a)(1)ii The operation of any audio device, such as radio or tape deck, is prohibited within any historic structure and visitor center of FOSU and CHPI.

2.13 Fires

- (a) (1) Charcoal fires are permitted only in the designated picnic area at Fort Moultrie. Fires must be contained in a portable grilling device. Ashes must be cooled before being placed in the

special ash cans. Dumping of ashes on the ground or in regular trash cans is prohibited.

- (c) Superintendent may designate fire closure under special circumstances.

2.15 Pets

- (a)(1) Pets are prohibited within all structures and the forts. (Exceptions: guide, search, and hearing ear dogs.)
- (a)(2) Pets must be on a leash during park visitation hours, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and during special events at Fort Moultrie and Charles Pinckney National Historic site. Pets are not permitted at Fort Sumter. Pets must be restrained and on a leash at all time in Liberty Square. Pets are not permitted after operating hours at CHPI.
- (a)(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object is prohibited.

2.21 Smoking

- (a) Smoking is prohibited in the Fort Moultrie visitor center, Fort Moultrie, the Fort Sumter museum, Fort Sumter, Battery Jasper, Headquarters, House at Snee Farm, all restroom facilities, Liberty Square Visitor Education Center, and hazardous material storage areas.

2.22 Property

- (a) (2) Property, particularly vehicles, left within the park after closing hours and after a National Park Service official has reasonably attempted to locate the owner will be determined to be abandoned. Following this determination, a vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense and the owner will be held responsible for reclaiming their property. Other property will be recorded under lost and found procedures and held for sixty (60) days.

2.23 Recreation Fees

Entrance fees will be collected to enter Fort Moultrie.

2.35 Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances

- (a)(3) Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only within the established picnic area at Fort Moultrie as part of a lunch or meal. All other areas including the visitor center, Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, Liberty Square, House at Snee Farm, and Maintenance Quarters Facility (except employee residences) are closed to the consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages in open containers. All areas are closed to the possession of controlled substances.

2.38 Fireworks

The use of or possession of fireworks within the boundaries of Fort Sumter, Liberty Square, Fort Moultrie, and Charles Pinckney National Historic Site, is prohibited. The superintendent may approve fireworks demonstrations as part of an interpretive or commemorative program.

2.50 Special Events

A special use permit or approval must be issued by the Superintendent before a special event can take place. Application for a special use permit must be made in writing to the superintendent at least 72 hours before the event.

2.51 Public Assemblies

All public assemblies require a special use permit.

2.52 Sale and/or Distribution of Printed Material

- (c) Application for permit may be obtained from the Superintendent's office and must be submitted for approval at least twenty 72 hours prior to the scheduled date of the event.

2.62 Memorialization

- (b) Scattering of human ashes from cremation is not permitted.

3.23 Swimming and Diving

- (a) Recreational swimming from the Fort Sumter, Liberty Square, and Fort Moultrie public docks and adjacent waters within the boundary of FOSU or CHPI is prohibited.

4.11 **Load, Weight, length, and width limitation**

Restricted to South Carolina Law or design capacity.

4.17 **Speed Limit**

(b) Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit is fifteen (15) miles per hour on all park roads and parking areas.

5.0 **Advertisement** of commercial businesses either by printed notices or by public address methods is prohibited. The taking of photographs, video or movies for commercial use is prohibited. The operation of a commercial business within the park boundaries is prohibited except where permission by the Superintendent has been granted in the form of a commercial business agreement or contract. This does not apply to non-profit cooperation, the NPS located on park property or other local, state, or federal activities.

ATTACHMENT TO SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM

The Service's mandate requires that it carefully plan and regulate the use of the parks so that park resources are perpetuated and maintained unimpaired for future generations. Thus, the limits and kinds of use are circumscribed by requirements of resource management and protection.

The following explanations are provided pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5 8 and as required by Part 1.7(b) when designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions on park uses are imposed.

Superintendent
FORT SUMTER NATIONAL MONUMENT

Date

- 1.5 (a) (1) Fort Sumter National Monument was established to preserve and commemorate historical events at or near Fort Sumter. The site was so designated because of its history as a part of our nation's seacoast defense. FOSU is rich in cultural and archaeological history. Therefore, the National Park Service must be constantly aware of existing threats to the resource by those who would not respect its preservation ideals.
- It is the task of the Park Service to protect and manage its resources, as well as to serve the public. Public use has been closely monitored over the previous years and it was found that the largest influx of visitors came between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic throughout the Moultrie section has an effect on wildlife habitat and mobility, archaeological and historic resources and causes erosion. Therefore, unimproved dirt and grass roads are open only for infrequent and authorized traffic.
- Capacity limitations have been established by design perimeters, life safety codes, U.S. Coast Guard regulations, and specific studies completed by the park.
- 1.6 Permits may be issued by the Superintendent to authorize an otherwise prohibited or restricted activity.
- 2.1 (a) (1) (I) Preservation of the natural setting is essential in understanding the cultural story of the forts and their landscapes. The harbor, the forts and the barrier islands make Charleston Harbor unique in American seacoast defense. Sea oats are essential to the prevention of beach erosion.
- 2.1 (a) (4) Dead and down wood as well as dune and marsh vegetation is home and food to many plants and animals. Its removal and disturbance would have a detrimental effect on the food/life cycle of the barrier island environment.
- 2.1 (a) (5) Erosion of earthen barriers and other cultural resources is a growing problem within the parks. Much damage is done yearly to these resources primarily unintentionally. The lack of safety and protection facilities as well as the need to preserve these cultural areas makes it imperative that the visitor respect and understand the adverse impact they will have when the resource is improperly used.
- 2.1 (c) (1) Hand-gathering of designated fruits, nuts and berries is not determined to adversely affect the natural balance. However, no suitable specimens exist in the park.

- 2.2 (c) (e) Because of the natural and cultural setting of the park and the need to protect its natural resources the viewing of wildlife with artificial lights is prohibited.
- 2.3 The importance of aquatic wildlife within our water resources makes it necessary for the preservation of these species. Only those game fish, shellfish and crustaceans can be taken in the park in accordance with State and Federal regulations and closure restrictions. The control of casting and trapping from park docks is necessary to ensure safe dock operation for the park boat and visitor activities.
- 2.4 (d) In order to protect the visitors, nature, and employees at FOSU, no firearms are allowed within the park. Only those authorized law enforcement officials acting in their official capacity will be allowed to carry firearms within the park. Also, for demonstration and living history purposes unloaded weapons may be used by supervised VIP's.
- 2.10 (a) No facilities or areas are developed to accommodate large or small group camping within the park. Occasional self-contained camping vehicles used by park VIP's are determined to not be harmful to park operations or to natural and cultural resources.
- 2.11 Specific areas have been established for picnicking. These areas have been chosen to provide a service to our transient visitors as well as located in an area that will have a minimal impact on the natural and cultural resource and scene.
- 2.12 The use of audio devices would disrupt the tranquil atmosphere required by visitors to properly experience the cultural resources of FOSU.
- 2.13 (a) (1) The designated picnic area lends itself to charcoal-type grilling fire only. Because of its location within the city limits, open campfires would pose a threat to the resource and park neighbors.
- 2.15 (a) (1) Pets are not permitted within the forts and historic structures. These animals are often noisy and deposit fecal remains within the cultural site, which hampers visitor appreciation of the resource. In addition, pets are prohibited in all park buildings due to the high visitor and employee use patterns and the safety hazard they would pose for themselves, the visitor and employee.
- 2.21 Smoke and gases from cigarettes, cigars and pipes adversely affect the museum exhibits and artifacts. It infringes on the rights of visitors and employees who do not smoke, particularly in poorly

ventilated areas of historic structures. Therefore, designated smoking areas are available to visitors and employees while at the park.

- 2.22 (a) (2) Park operating hours are posted at the entrance gate, visitor center, and at the forts. To meet the responsibility of protecting the people and their resources the park staff will do everything within their power to maintain security within the park. Therefore, all visitors must exit the park by closing time and their personal properties removed as they depart. Failure to do so will be considered a breach of security and will be handled accordingly.
- 2.23 Fort Moultrie has been designated a fee area. Entrance fees shall be collected from visitors to the park in accordance with 36 CFR Section 71.13.
- 2.35 (a) (3) Considering the nature of the resource and limited visitor use area the consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all areas except the designated picnic area and employee housing areas.
- 2.38 The use of fireworks is prohibited by county law in Charleston County, S.C.
- 2.51 The United States Code of Federal Regulations requires a permit to be issued for special events, public assemblies, and the sale or distribution of printed matter. Only specific locations within the monument would be suitable for these activities without adversely affecting visitor use. The permit provides for orderly use of designated areas with overlap of programs and visitor disruption.
- 2.62 (b) The function of FOSU/CHPI does not provide for the scattering of human ashes. Considering the emotional impact and the visitor use of the resource, the scattering of human ashes is prohibited.
- 3.23 The waters around Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie are treacherous and fraught with swift currents. Concessioner, tourist and park boats frequent the area during daylight, thus making swimming and diving an unsafe activity.
- 4.11 Maintenance and administrative roads through the park are narrow, one lane roads with sharp turns and corners. These conditions make travel hazardous for oversized vehicles and the park resources. Therefore, size and weight limits are placed on vehicles to protect against resource damage.

4.17 (b)

The operation of vehicles over the speed of 15 M.P.H. would pose a danger to both the visitor and the park's habitat. The primary method of touring the resource is by foot. Traffic on administrative roads and in visitor parking areas would be a danger to those abiding by the posted and stated speed.

5.0

Commercial activities within the site would adversely affect the fragile cultural resources and the visitor experience.

FORT SUMTER PARK REGULATIONS

1. Visitors and Service representatives must enter the park through the signed gates located at facility entrances.
2. Employees are not permitted on site after park operating hours except when approved by their supervisor.
3. The Moultrie Visitor Center and fort shall be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily while grounds are open from sunrise to sunset daily. During the summer the Visitor Center and fort hours vary. Fort Sumter shall be open as dictated by boat tours.
4. Unimproved roads and service roads are open for contractual services, administrative protection, maintenance purposes, and activities authorized special use permit only.
5. Visitors must keep their vehicles on improved state roads and service parking areas only.
6. Sporting activities including, but not limited to, kite flying, golfing, soccer, baseball, football, etc. are prohibited at Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, and Charles Pinckney National Historic Site
7. Permits are required for the following actions. Permits must be submitted no later than 72 hours prior to the event:
 - A. Material collections
 - B. Collection of specimens
 - C. Special events
 - D. Public assemblies and meetings
 - E. Sale & distribution of printed materials
 - F. Memorialization
 - G. Operations of commercial business
 - H. Filming for commercial purposes
 - I. Overnight use of Fort Sumter & Fort Moultrie docks
8. The advertisement of commercial business either by printed notice or public address methods is prohibited.
9. Spanish moss, sea oats, pine straw, wood and other natural or man-made items may not be collected except as noted.
10. Wood may not be collected, except driftwood along the beach face.
11. Walking upon, climbing, ascending, descending, or traversing all earth mounds, cannons and carriages, fort walls and historic structures are prohibited.

12. Viewing of wildlife with artificial light is prohibited.
13. Fishing, trapping and casting from Fort Sumter and Liberty Square docks are prohibited during visitor hours.
14. Only Federal law enforcement officers and those cooperating state and local agencies are permitted to carry firearms.
15. Fishing is permitted at the Fort Moultrie dock.
16. Cast nets and crab traps may be used at the Fort Moultrie dock. Traps left overnight require a permit.
17. Official NPS volunteers under the supervision of a permanent park ranger may carry unloaded weapons for living history activities.
18. Camping is prohibited.
19. Picnicking is permitted in the designated area located at the Moultrie dock.
20. Charcoal fires are permitted in the designated picnic area. Charcoal fires must be self-contained in a grilling device made for such purpose. Use ash cans where available.
21. Pets are prohibited in all forts, historic buildings and within all park buildings. **THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO SERVICE ANIMAL** such as **SEEING EYE DOGS** when accompanied by a blind person.
22. Smoking is not permitted in the Visitor Center, Fort Sumter Museum, Fort Sumter, Battery Jasper, and other designated places.
23. Property left within the park after posted closing hours shall be determined to be abandoned. Vehicles left overnight in the Visitor Center parking area will be given a 24-hour grace period after which they shall be towed at owner's expense. Other property shall be listed as lost or found and held for sixty (60) days.
24. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only within the designated picnic area.
25. The use of fireworks is prohibited without a permit.
26. Swimming and diving are prohibited.
27. Scattering of human ashes is not permitted.
28. The park speed limit is 15 mph.

29. To maintain the tranquil, commemorative atmosphere of the historic site, special events are limited.
30. Commercial operations of any nature are prohibited in the park without appropriate permits.